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# **DRAFT** AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

#### In the Claims

Please amend Claims 7-9, 11-13 and 22 as follows. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments".

7. (Amended) A method of screening for a candidate modulator of GPR86 activity using cells expressing GPR86, said method compromising: